

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: IES UTILITIES INC. and INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY | DOCKET NO. SPU-00-10 |
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

(Issued July 13, 2000)

On July 11, 2000, Equistar Chemicals L.P. (Equistar) and Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene. Equistar and ADM ask that they be made parties to the reorganization proceeding, identified as Docket No. SPU-00-10, involving the proposed merger of IES Utilities Inc. and Interstate Power Company (Interstate).

In support of their petition to intervene, Equistar and ADM state they are electric and gas customers of Interstate and are therefore impacted by the proposed merger. As large industrial customers, Equistar and ADM allege their interests are not currently represented in the proceeding.

The petition to intervene will be granted. Equistar and ADM have demonstrated a unique interest in these proceedings that should be represented.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition to intervene filed by Equistar Chemicals L.P. and Archer Daniels Midland Company on July 11, 2000, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13th day of July, 2000.